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From the abstracts, DE 40 41 483 relates to a tipping rig for large waste bins, incorporating hinge-mounted hooks to grip bin lid prior to emptying, EP 0 496 302 relates to a refuse vehicle with a lifting and dumping device for picking up and emptying refuse containers into a receiving chute of a collecting receptacle, and WO 96/32346 relates to a refuse-collection vehicle on which a replaceable container is detachably mounted by suitable means so that it can be moved out to the rear.

An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has not been provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

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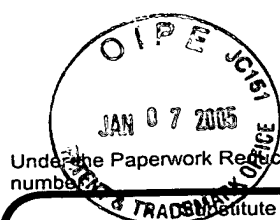
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